

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th February 2021

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 8th February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Cllrs Present Stephen Wormell – Chairman
 Simon Dougherty – Vice Chairman
 Jonathan Andrews
 Alan Frost
 David Grover
 Peter Hine
 Doug Kibblewhite
 Malcolm Mattack

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllr R Davison, 4 members of public and Clerk

141/20	Apologies for absence – Cllr M Palmer-Slatton and CBC Cllr P Moore	
142/20	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The death of Denise Stanard was noted• The planters for the triangle have been delivered and the Clerk will apply for the S106 funding	
143/20	Public Questions – none	
144/20	Declarations of Interest Cllr Kibblewhite declared an interest in item 148.3/20 Cllr Mattack declared a non pecuniary interest in item 148.2/20	
145/20	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs ECC Cllr Bentley reported that the speed sign in Layer Road had finally been moved and he was looking into moving the signs on Peldon Road. The gritting teams were undertaking at least 3 runs a day, but some of the Covid Vaccination Centers' in the area had had to close due to the weather. The number of Covid cases in the area was coming down, but remained high. There had been a lot of flooding throughout Essex and the staff were getting round to clear the ditches when they can. Cllr Hine asked about the regular flooding in Mersea Road, Cllr Bentley is looking into that but believed it was due to blocked ditches on private land. If this was the case the landowner would be asked to clear the ditches. CBC Cllr Davison confirmed that the Covid Vaccination Centre at The Community Stadium had closed due to the weather. The approval for Part 1 of the Local Plan had now been	

	<p>received with a requirement to provide 920 additional houses in the Borough per annum. Part 2, which would include the proposals for development in Peldon Road is due to go to the Inspector in April 2021. CBC was due to approve a rise in Council Tax of £5 per Band D property at its meeting on 24th February. The levy for the Police was also recommended at £5 per Band D property. The Police had undertaken a Speedwatch session in Peldon recently but had not visited Abberton and Langenhoe. Cllr Grover confirmed that the Community Speedwatch Teams were still not being allowed to operate, but the Police had conducted one session in Abberton since Christmas. Cllr Davison had been advised that there may be some disruption to the recycling collections due to the bad weather and advised that residents should be able to have double the usual amount of recycling collected next time.</p>	
146/20	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 7th December 2020 The minutes as circulated were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Mattack.</p> <p>For clarity – Regarding 109/20, it is noted that the meeting held in August 2016 was organized by CBC for residents to view the proposals in the Draft Local Plan which recommended up to 35 houses could be built on land at Peldon Road. This meeting was attended by approx. 100 residents and a submission was made to CBC after the meeting objecting to the proposal. The meeting held on 3rd July 2017 was organized by CBC at the Village Hall as a drop-in session to view the Draft Local Plan (final version) which now included up to 55 houses on land at Peldon Road. This session was attended by approx. 40 residents. At the PC meeting on 10th July 2017, it was agreed to send a response to support the proposals in principle, but object to the increase in houses from 35 to 55.</p>	
147/20	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 11th January 2021 The minutes as circulated were agreed as correct with the following amendment – 138/14, ‘markings at Lodge Lane’ to be replaced by ‘subsidence at Lodge Lane’ Proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Mattack</p> <p>Cllr Mattack having declared an interest did not participate in discussion relating to 148.2 Cllr Kibblewhite having declared an interest did not participate in discussion relating to 148.3</p>	
148/20	Planning applications and Decisions received	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 210036 – Manwood Tye, Mersea Road – proposed erection of 3 bedroom bungalow – objection on grounds that it is outside the village envelope 2. 210075 – Idle Hours, Peldon Road – proposed single storey side/rear extension – no objection <p>Before considering the next application, a member of the public who had arrived at the meeting after item 143/20 was allowed to speak. He advised that he objected to 210217 as he felt that the increase in size of the area was too large and the report concerning the run off of surface water had not been undertaken by appropriate professionals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 210217 – Abberton and District Cricket Club – replacement of old practice nets with new ones – No objection subject to the application being considered with due diligence. A vote was taken – 7 for and one abstention. <p>Decisions 202310 – Captains Field, Peldon Road - granted</p>															
149/20	Correspondence – none received															
150/20	<p>Finance and Accounts – February 2021</p> <p>The following Accounts were approved for payment – schedule 012/20 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Kompan Ltd – playground inspection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£190.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – Feb. maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – call out</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£192.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – Zoom subs and ink</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£71.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-On – Streetlight electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£61.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Oglivie Engineering – planters</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2544.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£271.50</td> </tr> </table>	Kompan Ltd – playground inspection	£190.40	A&J Lighting – Feb. maintenance	£ 60.90	A&J Lighting – call out	£192.84	Mrs C McSweeney – Zoom subs and ink	£71.33	E-On – Streetlight electricity	£61.79	David Oglivie Engineering – planters	£2544.00	Staff Costs	£271.50	
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151/20	<p>To confirm bank reconciliations for December 2020 and January 2021</p> <p>Cllr Mattack confirmed he had undertaken and agreed the reconciliations</p>															
152/20	<p>Report of Covid Action Group</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty reported that there had not been any requests for assistance and suggested that most residents had made their own arrangements following on from the previous lockdown. Cllr Dougherty will report back to council as necessary</p>															
153/20	<p>To consider amendments to the CBC S106 ‘Wish list’</p> <p>The planters had now been received so could be removed from the list. Cllr Kibblewhite reported that the Cricket Club had obtained funding from another source so this could also now be removed.</p>															

	It was agreed to now obtain some quotes for refurbishment of the Village sign and to look into resurfacing of the basketball court with a view to making this a multi use area.	Action – Clerk to obtain some quotes for sign
154/20	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – the footpaths are clear as a result of regular footfall at the moment. Thanks again expressed to the team of litter pickers 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the hall remains closed, but an Easter Hunt around the villages has been planned for Saturday 27th March and a Valentines Heart will be displayed on the village green 3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report 4. Church Matters – nothing to report 5. Grass cutting – will resume end of March and will be using the same contractor 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property maintenance – the annual inspection report has been received. There were a few Very Low and Low risk items noted. Most of which could be addressed in the spring. It was agreed that the re painting of the youth shelter would not happen due to the cost of removal. 10. CALC – next meeting is 18th March 2021 11. Broadband – Cllr Kibblewhite has still not received a reply from BT, but had been speaking to Open Reach. Cllr Andrews said that he had now ordered Broadband from BT, but had heard that there had been some delays on installation dates provided to residents. County Broadband had circulated a letter to advise that the roll out in Fingringhoe had been delayed and this will have a knock-on effect in Abberton and Langenhoe. County Broadband were also asking prospective clients to sign a form confirming that an order has been placed for Hyperfast broadband. 12. Speedwatch – already covered at 145/20 13. Social Media and Newsletter – the Facebook page is attracting more members and the next Newsletter will be in March 14. Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite was continuing his dialogue with ECC Cllr Bentley, but due to the current situation delays were to be expected to Highway issues. 	
155/20	Date of next meeting – 8 th March 2021	

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.40pm